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MC DONOUGH NAMED SOAR CHAIRMAN

James J. McDonough, Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation, is chairman for Project SOAR and will lend important direction to the entire program.

A native Chicagoan and graduate of John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, he has been affiliated with the Department of Streets and Sanitation for the past 11 years.

As Commissioner, McDonough has the responsibility of administering and coordinating the activities of one of the city's largest departments -- nearly 8,000 employees in nine bureaus.

He serves on the board of directors of the American Red Cross and the St. Ignatius High School Alumni Association.



McDonough

LET'S ALL SHOW UP AT SHOWANDO

May 15 is the deadline!

Fill out and mail the registration coupon from the Showando flyer you received or use the coupon on Page 2. You can also request a registration form from your district executive or the Program Services department. Be sure to include the \$2 fee.

Showando -- all day, May 22 -- is the year's training highlight that no Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Commissioner or Troop Committeeman will want to miss. Interested parents, too, are invited to attend.

Many advancement and camping skills will be demonstrated and Scouters will have numerous chances to "see and do" Scoutcraft skills.

The delicious cookout and closing campfire are events everyone will want to enjoy.



IT'S NEW -- MATAGAMON

A brand-new high adventure opportunity is available for a limited number of experienced camping units this summer -- Matagamon is its name.

Matagamon is a vast, primitive pine forest with swift-running rivers, deep, still lakes and real he-man camping opportunities. It is the new Boy Scouts of America national wilderness base located in north central Maine near the Grand Lake of Matagamon in the northeast corner of Baxter State Park.

This first year Matagamon will be available for only a month -- July 15 to August 15 -- and only 250 hikers and campers can be accommodated.

For further information regarding attendance at Matagamon this summer, contact the Camping Service.

WHITE SOX BONUS

A special bonus is in store for all Scouts, Explorers and leaders participating in Scouting Keep America Beautiful Day, June 5. -- free tickets to the White Sox baseball game June 26.

The tickets will be distributed on June 5 by each district SOAR chairman.

Please note that these free tickets are available only to those workers in the litter cleanup.

As in past years, each unit is being asked to bring the American flag and unit flag for the opening ceremony of the game between the White Sox and California Angels.

HEAD FOR PHILMONT

It's not too late!

There are still about 75 spaces left on the two Council trips to Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base, New Mexico.

Tour 1 is scheduled for July 18 - August 2. Tour 2 is set for August 1 - August 16. Seventy Scouts and Explorers and seven adults will go on each trip.

Any boy who will be 14 or older by September 1 is eligible for "Southwest Adventure '71." Cost is \$190.



June 5

Keep America beautiful . . .
Help cleanup your community

DO A GOOD TURN AND EARN FREE TICKETS
TO THE WHITE SOX GAME JUNE 26.

Campout



INCREASE THE ODDS AT OWASIPPE IN '71

There is an old saying, "It takes a heap of living to make a house a home." Equally true, it takes a lot of camping to make a forest, a lake, a lodge, and a field into a camp. You who are privileged to be Scoutmasters are the key to turning a forest, or field or a lake into a camp for your Scouts.

Your council has some of the finest forests, fields and lakes at Owasispe Scout Reservation; it also has one of the finest groups of men and young men who are especially skilled in the techniques of Scout camping to help you make a camp come to life for your Scouts.

There is still time - there is still some space left in every period of camp for those who want to be "Owasippe men in '71."

Give us a call at 782-3990 and ask for Camp-ing Service. We will help you get your gang signed up for the action - that's Owasispe '71.

SPECIAL BONUS - All those troops that submit their \$5.00 per boy fees by June 1, 1971 will receive a "FREE OWASIPPE PATCH" for each paid Scout. Get your patches now and increase the odds with your Scouts as campers this summer.

89 EAGLES

Between January 1 and April 1, 89 young men in the Chicago Area Council attained the Eagle Scout rank.

The Eagle recognition, highest in the Boy Scouting program, requires, among other achievements, 21 merit badges.

Iroquois District reported the largest group of Eagles (15) for the three-month period.

EXPLORING WELCOMES GIRLS AS FULL-FLEDGED MEMBERS

Girls 15 through 20 are now being admitted into full membership of Explorer Posts and Ships and adult women 21 or older may hold full associate leadership roles.

This policy became effective April 1 and recognizes that in order to effectively serve the majority of young men who desire co-ed associations, the Exploring membership should bring young women into units on an equal basis without the pressure of dating.

Among other things, this action means that any number of co-eds can be registered in a unit and they may hold any office in that unit. That's right -- it will be possible for a girl to be a Post president!

SOAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following are important announcements regarding Project SOAR:

Each district SOAR chairman is in the process of coordinating SOAR activities -- many Cub Packs and Scout Troops have adopted vacant lots, city streets and parks for their conservation effort.

The Project SOAR patch is available to boys and adults completing 20 hours of litter cleanup and conservation work. Boys completing 50 hours are eligible for a belt loop badge and those doing exceptional quality work will receive a certificate at a special recognition program.

A unit streamer can be earned by units that have completed 20 hours of work per boy for at least half the boys in the unit.

A coffee mug is available to the unit Project SOAR chairman for his endeavors.

DO YOU NEED SUPPLIES?

Pack sack, canteen, Scout mess kit, compass -- these are just a few of the items you and your boys will need for summer camp.

Summertime Pack programs often call for handicraft supplies, award ribbons, uniform parts.

Plan ahead for your summer events. Get supplies now from your local distributor.

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TIME TO ACTIVATE

Swimming activities are now in full swing but many districts are missing out because of non-participation, according to Dr. John Schuetz, Council Health & Safety chairman.

Remember, the Council has a list of all public swimming pools and there is, no doubt, at least one within walking distance of your unit meeting place. Make sure all of your Scouts are swimmers when they attend summer camp!

More notes from Dr. Schuetz -- it will soon be bicycle safety rally time . . . how about earning the backpack award in one of our near-in camps? . . . there is a new national policy concerning transportation to and from Scout activities . . . also changes about the use of liquid fuels in Scout camps.

Bring your success stories, questions, problems to the next Council Health and Safety Meeting, May 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Council Service Center. Adults, O/A officers or Explorers are all welcome as district representatives.

For more information, contact Dr. Schuetz at 388-5060.

SCOUTS INVITED TO ISRAEL

Would you, or a Scout or Explorer that you know like to stay in an Israeli Scout Camp . . . spend ten days in a kibbutz . . . join a Jerusalem archaeological dig . . . tour the Holy Land . . . live in a Israeli home?

If the answer is "yes", then you and your friends will want to investigate the Israel Scouting Adventure planned for early July to late August, 1971. (Exact dates not yet available.)

Planned by the National Council of the Boy Scouts, the Israel Summer Institute and Israel Boy & Girl Scout Federation, the event offers the opportunity for 40 Scouts, Explorers and leaders to go to Israel and take part in related Scouting activities for 35-40 days.

To be eligible a boy must be 14 or older by July 1, 1971 and be a registered Scout or Explorer. Leaders must be 21 or older.

Cost is \$799. per individual. This is an all-inclusive cost covering round trip air fare. A reservation fee of \$100 is required upon application. For applications, contact the Public Relations Department at the Council Service Center.



Registration for
1971 SHOWANDO
May 22, Valley View Training Center



I will be attending SHOWANDO, please register me. Enclosed is the fee of \$2.

Name _____ Unit _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____ Position _____

MAY COUNCIL CALENDAR

- 1 Deadline for submitting Project SOAR photo entries
- 3 Training Committee Meeting, Council Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Health and Safety Committee Meeting, Council Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 World Jamboree payment due. This is the final payment of \$100.
- 3 Project 13 Roundtable. All project directors must attend! Council Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Showando Committee Meeting, Council Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Advancement Committee Meeting, Council Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Open House, Council Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Project SOAR poster contest entries to be judged by this date
- 21-23 Sea Explorer Encampment, Great Lakes Naval Training Center
- 22 Showando, Valley View Training Center, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 24 Commissioner Staff Meeting, Campbell Hall, Tribune Tower, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Project 13 Roundtable, Council Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Project SOAR Council poster judging
- 26-28 National Council Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
- 28-31 O/A Work Weekend at Owasippe Scout Reservation
- 31 Council Service Center closed, Memorial Day

A HELPING HAND



When you're young, and perhaps very new to Scouting or Troop life, it's good to have a friend to assist, encourage and care about your happiness.

George Williams, (above) Scoutmaster, Troop 341, Woodlawn Urban Progress Center, recognizes the vital importance of this person-to-person relationship in Scouting.

WIN WITH WOOD BADGE

Take advantage of the big opportunity this July 17-25 - Wood Badge training at Owasippe Scout Reservation.

Leaders and district Scouters who have received nominations should return their acceptance letters as soon as possible to Program Services at the Council Service Center.

Only a few can be accommodated in this course.

A LIVING TRIBUTE

A commemorative gift is a means to honor or comfort friends, associates and family as a living tribute, for the benefits derived are measured in the development of youth - America's most precious resource.

An acknowledgement card is sent to the donor and an appropriate card is sent to the person or family designated by the donor. No sum is mentioned.

Some specific occasions which can be commemorated are: cheer at a time of illness; mark an anniversary; extend congratulations on a promotion; honor a graduate; honor a birthday, confirmation, bar mitzvah; comfort friends and loved ones at the loss of someone dear.

For more information contact the Finance Department at the Council Service Center.

CONGRATULATIONS TROOP 961 INDIAN BOUNDARY DISTRICT

Troop 961, sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran Church, Norwood Park, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary in Scouting.

The celebration was actually a double one since the church also marked its 50th anniversary.

In honor of both occasions, a special Scout Sunday service was conducted. The highlight of the service was the introduction and recognition of the Troop organizer and first Scoutmaster, August Bohnhoff, now of McHenry, Illinois.

61st ANNUAL MEETING

Delegates from the Chicago Area Council will join Scouters from across the country for the most comprehensive training experience ever planned for a national annual meeting, May 26-28, Atlanta, Georgia.

Training at this 61st Annual Meeting, Boy Scouts of America, will be accomplished in 14 Search and Exchange Conferences tailored to individual volunteer Scouter responsibilities.

The election of national officer and presentations of the Silver Buffalo Award which recognizes distinguished service to boyhood on a national or international basis, will be highlights of the meeting.

AT YOUR SERVICE

Headed by Registrar Mamie von Wedel and a staff of ten, the Council Registration Service is a spot that should be well-known to all Scouters.

This is where a wide variety of Scouting services are performed - unit charters are processed, boys are registered, advancement records are kept and awards issued, Boys' Life subscriptions are handled, Eagle and veteran applications are processed. In addition, up-to-date records are kept on all units and boys and a weekly and monthly membership count is maintained.

To help the Registration Department be of better service to you, here are some items for your careful consideration:

***Unit charter applications** will be processed more quickly if they are signed by the executive officer of the sponsoring institution.

***Individual registration forms** - Please discontinue using the old registration forms for additional enrollments.

***Preprinted charter renewal applications** - Please do not add names between the preprinted lines. For "Re" people, type them below the preprinted information or list them on "overflow pages." "New" and "SR" people should be registered on the new individual applications.

***More about Boys' Life** - Because of a processing problem, the names of many subscribers with January "start" dates were not entered on the National Council mailing list. This problem should be solved very soon. Those involved will receive the missing issues at a later date.

District Chairman John P. McGury
District Commissioner Joe Ahlbach
District Executive Fred Leist
Asst. District Executive Howard Dwan

DISTRICT CALENDAR

MAY

- 4 Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting,
St. John of God, 7:00 p.m.
11 District Commissioners' Meeting,
St. Augustine, 7:30 p.m.
18 District Committee Meeting, 4725 S.
Halsted, 7:30 p.m.
25 Unit Leaders' Roundtable, St. John of
God, 7:27 p.m.

CHARTERS DUE

| PACKS | TROOPS | POSTS |
|-------|--------|-------|
| 3379 | 379 | 5481 |
| 3385 | 401 | 9407 |
| 3401 | 439 | 9867 |
| 3425 | 1867 | 9866 |
| 3867 | | |
| 3868 | | |

DISTRICT FINANCE

The District Finance Campaign to date is as follows:

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| Scout Family | | |
| Goal \$3,200 | Actual | \$3,436.68 |
| Door-to-Door | | |
| Goal \$3,000 | Actual | \$3,476.90 |
| Advanced | | |
| Goal \$13,800 | Actual | \$7,200.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$14,113.58 |

Mr. Bill Erickson, Carl Rossow and I would like to thank you for all your support and help on our Scout Family and Door-to-Door Campaign.

DISTRICT FAREWELL

At our March Roundtable we had a small celebration for Bob Gerat who has left Stockyard to work as a Director of Finance for the Boy Scouts of America in Bellville, Illinois. We all wish him the best of luck in his new job.

DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, May 14 at the Knights Klub Restaurant, 5921 S. Pulaski. Tickets can be obtained at the District Roundtable April 27, at \$3.75 each, or phone Marian Erickson, at VI 7-0373 to make arrangements. Ticket deadline will be April 30.

MERITORIOUS ACTION

A recommendation for the medal of Merit for Meritorious Action has been submitted to the Council Advancement Committee on behalf of Star Scout Albert Struska of Troop 231. Recommended for administering the spot first aid to an injured child.

WELCOME FRED

Taking over the responsibilities of District Executive is Fred Leist who has served in Pathfinder District for the past six years. We all look forward to working with Fred.

SHOWANDO '71

Saturday, May 22, 1971, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Valley View Training Center, 6240 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale. This affair is for all Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, Commissioners, and Troop Committeemen. \$2.00 registration fee, by May 15. Application available at the April Roundtable.

OPERATION SOAR

- * Conservation Project for all units.
- * June 5th - Cleanup project for Stockyard District
- * Contest to be conducted with prizes for the adults and Scouts who participate.
- * For full details attend our April Roundtable or contact Carl Rossow - LA3-4650.

BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

A great weekend of training was had by all on March 26, 27 & 28. A big thanks to Ed Paulinec and his staff for a real professional job.

CUB SCOUT POW WOW

Attend the April Roundtable for full details. Let's all support the Scouters that are planning this fine event, and let's make it the biggest ever.



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